Claims

5   1 A method for diagnosis of pre-eclampsia which comprises measuring urate in a
       biological sample.

       2. A method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the sample is from maternal saliva.

10   3. A method as claimed in the above claims, wherein the urate is measured by
       means of a timed end point method.

       4. A method as claimed in claim 1 or 2, wherein the urate is measured by means of a
       dry test method.

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       5. A method as claimed in any of the above claims, wherein the urate is measured by
       means of a dip stick method.

       6. The use of urate levels in the saliva as an indicator of pre-eclampsia.

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       7. A diagnostic kit for performing the method of any one of the above claims, wherein
       the kit comprises reagents for the determination of the level of urate in a biological
       sample.

25   8. A test equipment for performing the method in claims 1 and 2 of, wherein the test
       equipment comprises reagents for the determination of the level of urate in a
       biological sample.